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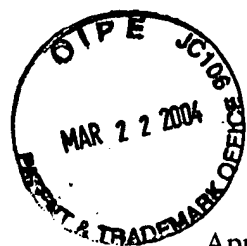
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before March 17, 2003. Applicants request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.